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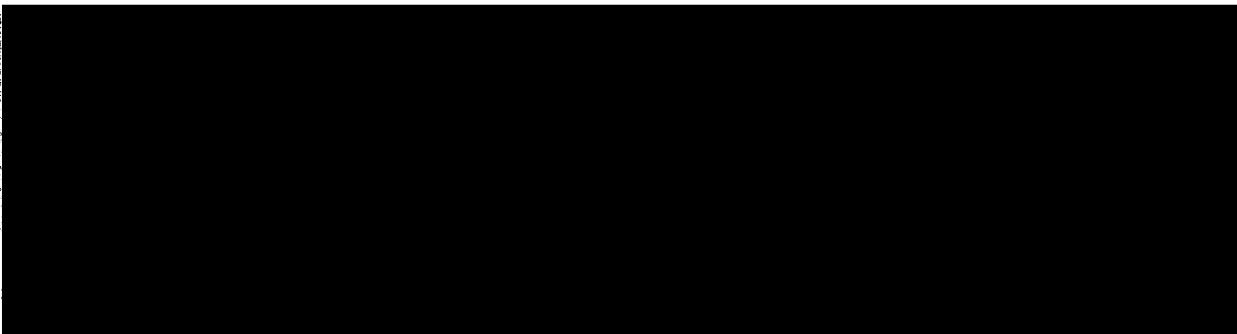
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1. As a result of increased government propaganda in its favor, the Bulgarian-Soviet Societies in Bulgaria now number 3,615 chapters with over one million members. In Sofia there are about 100,000 members and in some of the smaller villages between 12 and 20 members constitute a single chapter.
2. The Societies now have at their disposal 27 mobile motion picture projector units which are used at meetings to show Soviet documentary films. The newspaper, The Bulgarian-Soviet Union is printed in 180,000 copies, and a magazine is published in 10,000 copies.
3. The headquarters of the Societies is in the Cinema-Club Mosca, Sofia, and is equipped with reading rooms and a library of Russian books. The Societies also serve as a channel for semi-official Soviet political instructors who are sent out by the Soviet Government as cultural specialists.

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